

241	號一十四百二千五第	日三念月七年戌甲治同	HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1874.	四律禮	號三月九英	港香	PRICE \$24 PER MONTH
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## Intimations

**COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE COMPANY.**

**THE** Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong & the above Company's Fire Department are prepared to **GRANT POLICIES** against **FIRE** to the extent of £10,000 on Buildings, on Goods stored therein, at current rates, subject to an immediate discount of Twenty per cent.

**THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.**  
ly 790 - Hongkong, 20th May, 1874.

at 1019 Hongkong, 30th June, 1874.

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**THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.**

**CAPITAL, TWO MILLION STERLING.**

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THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agent for the above Company at this  
port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire,  
to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or on  
Goods stored therein.

**EDWARD NORBON & Co.**  
at 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

ARNHOI D. KARBERG & Co.  
at 418 Hongkong, January, 1887.

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AND  
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 RITS, SODA WATER, &c., and GAME when  
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 Gentlemen and Families desirous of patron-  
 izing him, are requested to apply at his shops  
 above, where a list of prices of articles will  
 be furnished, which will be supplied at the same  
 all the year round.  
 HING KEE.  
 742 Hongkong, 13th May, 1874.

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all its concentrated Artificial Manures, it is  
able to raise them with about twice their bulk  
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For further particulars, apply to  
**MEYER, ALABOR & Co.,**  
Hongkong,  
5111 Hongkong, April 2nd, 1874.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1874.

**OF THE CHINA TRADERS' IN-  
SURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**NOTICE.**

And, after this date the above Company will allow a Brokerage of **THIRTY-ONE AND ONE-THIRD PER CENT.** on Local Bids only.

**AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,**  
*General Agents.*  
Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

C. BERTHEARD, Principal Agent.  
 Re "Dennis," 2nd July, 1974.  
 33 cases Beer.  
 "Anadary," 10th August, 1974.  
 Diamond, 1/3. 2 cases Zinc Roof.  
 32 Drapery.  
 1 case Perfumery.  
 1 bale Cotton.  
 1 Peas.  
 4 bales Cotton.  
 2 Window Shells.  
 Aug. 26th August, 1974.











## Extracts.

## THE CALIPH'S DRAUGHT.

Up on a hill in Rome,  
When sunset brought an end of day,  
And in his station sat the Caliph,  
Prepared to share the last repast,  
Sole Moutain in easy state,  
The room smelt of the gold,  
The first slave of the Caliph,  
The Caliph's draught did hold.

Of a sudden came the Caliph,  
With guests set along the firm;  
A list of names was read up,  
Then a great king came to him:  
The slave passed the Caliph,  
Mixed it with wine of pomegranate,  
With mountain snow-flakes cold the drink,  
And how it suited the Caliph.

Moutain's mouth was dry as bone,  
He swept his hand to his eye;  
The new-come, beneath the throne,  
Went down on his knees and "Kuf"  
The Caliph drew a thirly knave,  
For redness of the Caliph's face,  
Suddenly Moutain's face as death,  
Stretched at his feet, down the bowl.

"An amara charefata!"  
"Real clear!" cries angry Moutain!  
"For fear 'twas too strong for him!"  
"Trembling the Caliph rose to him!"  
"How 'twas in Amara from home!"  
"An amara charefata!"  
"Was once to a Caliph's house!"  
"And how he smote her on the face!"

"And now she cried, in anguish,  
"Yai Moutain!—help! oh, my King!"  
"And how the Kuffi smote her!"  
"And how the Caliph smote her!"  
"Call Moutain, Moutain's name!"  
"Must be like Moutain!"  
"Your people's name—what has he done?"  
"He'll come on a spotted steed!"

"The Caliph's face was red as fire,  
He charged the Caliph on the fly;  
"Keep this name short, slave!" he said,  
"Till such time as I drink it up."  
"And my horses bring with him,  
"Call Moutain, Moutain's name!"  
"To live, who shall this latter thing?"  
"White Moutain in peace did drink!"

Healed the swift sword, rolled the hand's head,  
The wicked blood smelt on the hand;  
"Now bring these," the Caliph said,  
"Lightly he took it in his hand."  
"At dawn his throat the sweet drops ran,  
Moutain in his saddle leaped,  
And cried, "Zaid caliph's name!"  
Edwin Arnold, in Macmillan's Magazine.

## LAKE TITICACA.

This is the most singular and interesting lake in the world. Situated on the crest of the Andes, it is the highest large body of fresh water, and as concurrent traditions point to it as the spot where Manco Capac, the first Incas, appeared and won the aboriginal tribes from their long sleep of barbarism and ignorance, it is the historic centre of South America. Humboldt called it the theatre of the earliest American civilisation. On an island within it, the imposing ruins of the temple of the sun, and all around it are monuments which attest the skill and magnificence of the Incas. There are also, as at Titicaca and Silantia, the remains of burial towers and palaces, which antedate the Incas, and are therefore pre-Incas. Lake Titicaca is about the size of the Ontario, shallow, and the water is deep toward the east and south. The eastern or Bolivian shore, being backed by the lofty range of Sorata, is very high and precipitous. The lake never freezes over, although the temperature of Puno is often 18 deg. at sunrise. Two little steamers of 100 tons each do a trifling business. Steam is generated by means of the hot water of the country, for there is a road within 150 miles. The steamers actually cost their weight in silver; for their transportation (in pieces) from the coast cost as much as the original price. A steamer company has just started from Bolivia the exclusive right of navigating the Titicaca and the Rio Desaguadero. Lago Pampa, with a gulch and a share in all new mines discovered. Professor Orton, the latest traveller in that region, calls attention to the fact that Lake Titicaca is not so high as usually given in geographical works—viz. about 3000 feet. Its true altitude is 12,493 feet, and in the dry season it is four feet less. This fact has been revealed by the discovery of five levelings made in building the Aricaque Railway just finished, which reached from the Pacific to Lake Titicaca. Scientific American.

## REMINISCENCES OF G. P. JAMES.

I became acquainted with Mr. G. P. James very soon after his arrival in America in the year 1850. His initials stood for George Payne James, but some wag had once dubbed him George Payne James, and this was believed to be his real name by many who did not know him. His original intention in coming to America was to settle in Canada, but he abandoned that purpose after he had been here a short time. He had three sons, none of whom grew to manhood, and he thought it better for them to cast their fate in a new country than to remain in Europe. He had recently, too, met with very severe pecuniary reverses. He had contracted with a London bookseller for the publication of a text with steel engravings. The engravings were all ordered and in course of execution, when, after the appearance of a few of the volumes, the bookseller failed. The engraver brought an action against Mr. James as a partner with the publisher in his suit, and the author, whose fortune in this case was similar to that of Sir Walter Scott in another, was compelled to pay several thousand pounds sterling.

This was a severe blow to him, and though he had excellent and powerful friends at home, such as the late Duke of Northumberland and the present Duke of Wellington, Mr. James, who was then residing at London, in the Strand, made up his mind to turn his face westward. He came to London by rail, and among other leave taking calls made one on the Duke of Northumberland. I have often heard him relate with much emotion what occurred upon the occasion. He told the story of his misfortune and his purpose to turn his face westward. When he was finished, his noble auditor exerted himself to the utmost to dissuade him from carrying out his intention of leaving Europe. Finding that his arguments failed of the desired effect, the Duke asked to be excused for a moment. Presently he returned, accompanied by a clerk upon his bankers to his hands a cheque upon his bankers, and Mr. James, order signed, but in blank, begged him to accept it and fill it in the amount. The Duke added his own entreaty to those of his husband. Mr. James firmly, but with overflowing heart, refused to accept anything even in the form of a loan. Duke and Duchess had no children, and could

## Insurance.

## THE SECOND COLONIAL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
1185 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

## Insurance.

## THE SWISS LLOYD'S TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY, WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

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1185 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

## Insurance.

## THE YONG-TSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, OF SHANGHAI.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

YANG-TSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, OF SHANGHAI.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

MARINE DEPARTMENT.  
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, for an interest dividend of 10% for shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distribute among Policyholders annually, in cash, ALL the profits of the Underwriting Business, save to amount of premium carried to Reserve Fund.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
1185 Hongkong, 15th July, 1874.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$50,000 on any one.

FIRST-CLASS RISK.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

AT current Rates. A RETURN OF TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) will be made on the premium charged on all Insurances, such RETURN being payable on the issue of the Policy.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
333 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Association, will allow a Brokerage of THIRTY PER CENT. (30%) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
1185 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

AFTER this date, a Brokerage of THIRTY PER CENT. (30%) will be made on the premium charged on all Insurances, such RETURN being payable on the issue of the Policy.

CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

UNITS to all other ports, the Brokerage will be ten per cent. (10%) only.

W. P. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.  
1181 Hongkong, 31st January, 1874.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

MARINE RISKS.  
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, Australia, and the East.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

A BROKERAGE OF THIRTY PER CENT. (30%) will be made on the premium charged on all Insurances, such RETURN being payable on the issue of the Policy.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
1185 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

## Insurance.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the current local rate of premium will be allowed upon insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co., Agents.  
1185 Hongkong, 27th June, 1873.

## Insurance.

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THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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